

Schenectady County passes Tobacco 21 law

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SCHENECTADY--County lawmakers have passed a new bill banning the sale of tobacco products to people under the age of 21.



Schenectady is now the fifth county in New York, plus New York City, to pass this measure.

Nationwide, more than 184 localities, plus the states of California and Hawaii, have passed Tobacco 21 laws.

“The Lung Association applauds Schenectady County for joining Albany County, Cortland County, New York City, Chautauqua County, and Suffolk County in implementing laws raising the legal sale age of tobacco products to 21 years old,” said Jeff Seyler, president & CEO, American Lung Association of the Northeast. “Over 50% of New York’s population is covered by laws where the legal sales age is 21 years old. It’s imperative that the New York State legislature prioritize the health of young adults and act to save lives across the state.”

According to a Siena Poll in December 2015, 59% of Schenectady county residents strongly supported raising the purchase age to 21.